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Dear Parent/Carer,

First Communion

We would like to say congratulations to all the children who will make their First Communion over the next few weekends. We thank God for all the parents, teachers and catechists who have prepared them so well for this important part of their journey in faith.

Jesus, Gentle Shepard
Bless your little one
Walk beside him, Jesus
Until the day is done
And when night falls, Dear Jesus
Hold your child's hand
And keep him safe. Good Shepherd
He is your little lamb

Assembly

There will be a class assembly for **2E on Friday, 19th May 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

There will be a class assembly for **3B on Friday, 19th May 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

There will be a class assembly for **1P on Friday, 26th May 2017 at 9:05 am**; parents with children in this class are warmly welcome.

Parental Contribution to the Governor's Fund

As you are aware voluntary aided schools such as St Francis' have a duty to pay 10% towards the costs of any building works that the school undertakes; the governing body has overall responsibility to ensure that the school is able to make this contribution. This summer we aim to complete the last phase of the school playground in addition to expanding our nursery. Your contribution to these projects is vital in order to guarantee that they go ahead. If you have not already done so please go to your Parent



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Pay account, the parental contribution will be an item in the drop down menu for you to add to your basket and pay.

Eat for Free

Parents with children in years 2 -5 should have received a letter last week with information about the Newham Eat for Free programme. It explains that schools have been making a contribution to this initiative since it began; it informed parents that schools are now being asked to make a 40% contribution to school meals for KS2 children and warns that the governing body is currently considering the financial feasibility of the school's continued participation in the programme. We will keep you updated over the coming weeks on potential changes.

Welcome to new staff

A warm welcome to Ms Mark who joins us as the new admin assistant in the office and to Ms Foster who joins us as a new teaching assistant; I am sure you will make these new members of staff feel welcome as they join the St Francis' family.

Punctuality

As you know, the classroom doors open at 8:45 in the morning and children's first lesson starts promptly at 8:55. This change was made to maximize learning time. This is a great opportunity for your children to be able to make the most of every minute of their learning, however there are number of children who are regularly arriving late. When children arrive late it can be very upsetting; they are often confused and struggle to catch up with what they have missed. If you find that you are regularly arriving to school late please make an effort to leave home earlier to ensure that your child is in school on-time.

N. Scott
Head Teacher



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